

STATEN ISLAND BLOCK BURNED; LOSS \$300,000

Many Lose Homes—20
Barges and 5 Ships Saved
at Port Richmond.

OIL PLANTS IN DANGER Manhattan Sends 14 Appa- ratuses After Richmond's First Appeal.

The residential section of Port Richmond, Staten Island, was threatened with destruction yesterday afternoon by a fire that raged for three hours, leveling a triangular block of frame and brick buildings and doing damage estimated at more than \$300,000.

Flanned by a strong northeast breeze, the blaze leaped across intersecting streets and ignited buildings on the opposite sides and across the tracks of the North Shore division of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad consuming the Port Richmond passenger and freight stations.

So menacing did the blaze seem an hour and a half after virtually the entire Fire Department of Staten Island had begun to fight it, that William J. Higgins, deputy chief, summoned a borough call to Manhattan, bringing fourteen pieces of apparatus across the bay in two municipal ferry boats. It was the first time in the history of the New York Fire Department that aid had to be sent to Richmond. The borough call, which is the rarest of fire signals, directed all fire companies that would respond to a second alarm fire at Warren street and Broadway to proceed to Port Richmond.

Simultaneous with the sounding of the call officials of the municipal ferries were notified to have their boats in readiness. When the procession of firefighting apparatus reached the Battery gates of the ferry house were thrown open and the engines ran right on to the boats. Once the apparatus was aboard, the ferries pulled out from their slips and made St. George's Island, in what was said to have been record time. "Smoky Joe" Martin, acting fire chief, blazed the way for the engine across the island to Port Richmond.

Fire Spreads Quickly.

When Chief Martin reached the fire it had spread a city block from one story frame shack at Richmond terrace and Park avenue, formerly used by the National Lead Company as a corrodium shed, and had ignited the freight and passenger stations of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and a large barn.

Chief Martin ordered his men to stretch every available line of hose on to the railroad tracks, where a concentrated stand was made by the firemen. A vertical wall of water was thrown in the face of the flames and maintained as a barrier until the fury of the blaze had been spent.

By this time flames came from the plant of the National Lead Company on the north side of Richmond terrace, directly opposite where the fire began. The roof of the Port Richmond yard of the Staten Island Shipbuilding Company, to the west was burning and a frame hotel and three story brick dwellings, housing nine families, were enveloped in flames. The National Lead Company's plant back on the Kill Von Kull and directly opposite is Bayonne, N. J., with a trifle of the Standard Oil Company's plant more than a mile away. In the stream were twenty or more barges, which were towed to the lower bay as a precautionary measure. Five vessels that were nearing completion at the ship yards also were moved.

Chief Martin and his men were fighting the blaze from the railroad tracks, the crew of the fireboat William J. Gaynor, the men of four Standard Oil fire tugs and the fire fighting force of the standard were battling with the flames from the water front, not overlooking the possibility that a change of the wind might endanger Bayonne and the Standard Oil plant. The flames spread as fast as the wharves of the National Lead Company, where they were checked.

The shack in which the fire originated, apparently from spontaneous combustion, was about 300 feet long and 150 feet wide. Before the advent of electrical methods the Jewett White Lead Company, of which the National Lead Company is the successor, used the building for corrodium tank bark. Great quantities of the bark were still stored in the structure. It had become dry and aided materially in the rapid spread of the flames.

Ludwig Hohnstein, watchman for the lead company, discovered the fire and gave the alarm.

Shack Quickly in Flames.

Before the first apparatus arrived the shack was in flames. Deputy Chief Higgins turned in a second alarm a few minutes later and followed it soon afterward with a third. There are only ten engines and six hook and ladder companies in Richmond. The three alarms left the borough almost uncovered. There was nothing for Chief Higgins to do but call upon Manhattan for help when the fire got beyond his men.

Mr. Kearns, a representative of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and Chief Martin and his men were looking at the estimated damage at more than \$300,000.

Crowds attracted to the fire kept police busy maintaining fire lines. Children soldiers from Fox Hills Hospital appeared while the fire was at its height armed with "tin hats" and gas masks and offered their services to the police. They helped keep the crowds back.

A bidder, the upper rungs of which had been burned away, fell on Police Inspector John F. Dwyer. He suffered a fall over the left eye and lacerations of the right. Dr. Harry Archer of the Fire Department, attended him and the inspector refused to go home. William Hunter, captain of Engine Co. No. 127, from his right ankle and was removed to the home at West 10th Street. Brighton, Virginia Shakespeare of Engine Co. No. 156 and Private Charles M. Smith, Medical Corps, attached to Fox Hills Hospital, were burned about the face.

\$500,000 Fire in Camp Travis.

San Antonio, May 2.—Ordinance No. 11, at Camp Travis, near San Antonio, was destroyed by fire today. The loss was estimated at \$500,000 in buildings and according to estimates the city will be at least \$500,000.

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DEMOLITION OF NAVY COMPLETED

Reduction in Vessels Equal to
That of Personnel.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Demolition of the Navy from the maximum of 2,400 ships operated during the war, including hundreds of vessels from battle ships of the first line to yachts and anti-submarine craft acquired for the emergency, is now practically completed, it was announced today by the Navy Department. The reduction in ships, it was said, has been almost as great in proportion as the demobilization of 400,000 in personnel.

The largest vessels remaining to be sold by the navy are the Napat and Narragansett, 2,500 ton passenger steamers taken over for transport service, for which bids already have been asked. In addition to its disposal of usable craft the navy, it was said, also is planning to sell a number of obsolete torpedo boat destroyers, submarines and gunboats now worthless except for their scrap value. The old cruiser Cincinnati, launched in 1892, will be included in the sale.

BILTMORE BANQUET OF SOUP AND BREAD

1,500 Prominent Folk Have
Real Hunger Meal at
Jewish Relief Rally.

The committee which is trying to raise \$750,000 to feed the hungry Jews in the war torn countries of Central and Eastern Europe gave a "hunger dinner" last night at the Biltmore Hotel. Fifteen hundred business men of New York, all of them prosperous and well fed, attended the dinner, and they went into the banquet hall with the expectation of eating one of the sumptuous meals that always are served at dinners of this sort.

But the dinner was different. It was anything but sumptuous. On the contrary, it was a hungry dinner in fact, exactly the sort of meal that the people in the devastated countries are getting. Before each diner was placed a hunk of hard, tasteless, black bread, made of oats, barely and a very small amount of flour, and a tin cup filled with very thin, weak, barley soup—a full day's ration for the hungry and needy of central and eastern Europe.

That was all the dinner consisted of and it put the diners in a sympathetic mood to listen to the speakers.

Pleads for Sufferers.

Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby was the principal speaker, and in a long address he urged the business men present to do all in their power to aid the sufferers of Europe. He pleaded with America to abandon the traditional policy of isolation, for which she has been so long noted, and declared that this isolation is not a cardinal principle of the United States.

"It is not the fact historically," he said, "and it is the fact it ought to cease from this moment to be the fact. Let us not be profiteers upon our geographical position, let us not be profiteers upon our comfort and security and God-given and personally quite undeserved commercial and trade advantages. Position implies responsibility. Power implies responsibility, and there rests upon this great and powerful republic, blessed above all lands, fortunate beyond the dream of men who founded this country, a reciprocal duty to the world, a duty we should undertake happily, soberly, responsibly, to administer our wealth, to apportion our power in great work of modest success and relief to those who are less fortunate."

"I am told that this God given year of wasted opportunity has been devoted to the Americanization of the great majority of peace, which provided a method of which America could take its place at the council table with the nations and perform its equal and proper part in the great work of world recovery. I deem that the spectacle of Americanization is an abbreviation for our national or personal duty. You are not Americanizing an American obligation when you are coupling it with reservations or expressing it in terms of repudiation."

America in False Position.

"America is acting falsely to that simple and rugged honesty which is part of the American character when it hesitates and draws back upon the performance of a duty or the grasping and embracement of an opportunity. My friends, take a great and liberal American take possession of your minds and wills. This is no time to hesitate and stumble, to equivocate and qualify. Let us give of our political power, of our political experience, of our commercial strength, of our pecuniary power, to the succor and relief of this sorely afflicted world. It is not only our duty as human beings, but it is the only enlightened policy."

Judge Otto A. Roskelly said that already a million and a half has been subscribed of the seven and a half million. The largest contribution received so far is that of Felix M. Warburg for \$100,000. Col. H. A. Gurneys, chairman of the committee on administration and finance, emphasized the fact that not one of the executives in charge of the various branches received a salary.

Others who spoke were Louis Marshall and Dr. J. Edwin Goldwasser. The drive will continue until May 8.

DICKENS'
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Gadshill, a Lamp and
the Frith Portrait, are
shown at Dutton's,
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Mr. Charles J. Sawyer
of London

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PRIVATE CRAFTS LACKING

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Is the Ban Upon
Cameras.

Fifteen thousand sailors of the Atlantic fleet now anchored in the Hudson turned back yesterday and held open house for all who could get out to the fifty fighting craft in the river. It was a great day for the "gob" and his girl, inasmuch as the girl element represented 80 per cent of the 20,000 persons who, it is estimated, got aboard the eight battleships and the flotillas of destroyers guarding the visiting hours from 10 to 5 P. M. Ten times that total, or about 200,000 persons, are estimated to have inspected the fleet from vantage points along Riverside Drive and in the park, and in thousands of small craft for their safety, much less comfort.

Public craft for conveying visitors to the warships at the customary 25 cents apiece were not so plentiful as in former visits of the fleet, with the result that the naval motor craft were relied on largely.

In the handling of the thousands who sought to use this means the beach guards from the battleships were few in number, and the regular city police were pressed into service.

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DAWSON SPRING, Ky., May 2.—Sherman Hammons, 55, a wealthy farmer, shot and killed his wife, 23; her sister-in-law, Mrs. John Hammons, and then himself. His own brains here today after he had been found in an attempt to kill his four-year-old son.

Mr. Sherman Hammons had instituted divorce proceedings and the suit was to have arisen over a dispute as to the possession of the child.

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SPECIAL TO THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD.
MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., May 2.—Officers of the Ontario and Western Railroad announced today that train time will be advanced one hour to conform to daylight saving time in the time tables to be issued in a few days. The railroad has been operating on standard time since the clocks were changed.

Dr. Royal S. Copeland,
Chairman, Exhibits Committee.

**Have You Anything
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THE MILK AND CHILD HEALTH EXPOSITION in Grand Central Palace, May 17-22, will bring directly before the Milk Producers, Milk Dealers and the general public the latest and improved dairy equipment, labor-saving devices, methods of management, milk products, health foods, cereals and all articles pertaining to Child Health. SECURE YOUR SPACE NOW.

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Norwalk Man Will Die; Vic-
tim May Live.

NORWALK, Conn., May 2.—Harold Guiles, 21, shot Mrs. Addie Morrill, 25, while they were walking together here today and then turned the revolver on himself, sending one bullet under the heart and another to the right temple. The man and woman were taken to the Norwalk Hospital, where it was said to-night no hope is held out for Guiles' recovery, but that Mrs. Morrill has a good chance to recover.

With the couple when the shooting occurred was William Morrill, 14, son of Mrs. Morrill. He was questioned by the police. Guiles lives with his parents, whose home is next door to that of Mrs. Morrill. According to the police Mrs. Morrill has been living apart from her husband for three weeks but had told Guiles that she would return and that they were going away together.

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GREENWICH VILLAGE 48th St. & B'way. Eves. 8:30. MAT. WED. AND SAT. 2:30. **EMILY STEVENS** **LAST WEEK** **"SOPHIE"** **HEGGIE** "Like an impish story whispered behind - Valencien's - 71st St."

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